

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kenneth R. Owens, et al.
Serial No.: 09/692,885
Filing Date: October 20, 2000
Group Art Unit: 2661
Examiner: Joshua A. Kading
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING
MPLS NETWORK FAILURES

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed August 3, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejections of the claims and the objections to the Application in view of the following amendments thereto and/or the comments set forth below.